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- 1. SUMMARY: PRATT BYRD, US LIAISON OFFICER TO ICCS, AND POL COUN CALLED ON GYULA GORINCSAK AND MIKLOS ENDREFFY, TOP OFFICIALS OF MFA SECTION CONCERNED WITH HUNGDEL ICCS. BYRD USED OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE US DISAPPOINTMENT OVER GOH PERFORMANCE IN VIETNAM AND TO DEFINE THOSE AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US. GORINCSAK DEFENDED GOH POSITIONS ON STRICTLY LEGALISTIC GROUNDS, CITING CHAPTER AND VERSE OF PARIS AGREEMENTS (HUNGARIAN VERSION) IN SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.
- 2. BYRD QUESTIONED GORINCSAK REGARDING GOH REFUSAL TO CARRY OUT SPECIFIC ICCS FUNCTION OF INVESTIGATING CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS. GORINCSAK CLAIMED ICCS INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD ONLY HAVE FOLLOWED FULL DEPLOYMENT OF TPJMC OR SHOULD ONLY BE MADE WHEN TWO VN PARTIES PROVIDE "SECURITY GUARANTEES" -- SOMETHING NOW REPORTEDLY AGREED TO. BYRD RESPONDED THAT GUARANTEES AND INVESTIGATIONS ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON ONE ANOTHER, ADDING THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH SPIRIT OF AGREEMENT HUNGDEL HAS OBLIGATION TO DEPLOY

TO SITES AND PARTICIPATE IN CHECKING ON INFRACTIONS. HE REMINDED GORINCSAK THAT HUNGARIAN DEATHS IN VN RESULT OF PRG ACTION, AND THAT MAKING ISSUE OF GUARANTEES IS EFFECTIVELY PREVENTING ICCS FROM CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIONS. HE SAID DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTIGATION BY ICCS TEAMS HAD DETERRENT EFFECT ON BOTH VN PARTIES, AND THAT GOH MISSING OUT ON OPPORTUNITY TO ACT AS POSITIVE FORCE IN AREA. BYRD LABELED AS UNFORTUNATE VIOLENCE DURING INVESTIGATION OF CAI LAY SHELLING, ADDING THAT IT NOT SURPRISING THAT LOCAL FEELING INTENSE BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST DELEGATION'S FAILURE TO CARRY OUT PROMPT INQUIRY AND PRESENCE OF KNOWN PRG REPRESENTATIVE. GORINCSAK THEN LAUNCHED INTO LEGALISTIC DEFENSE OF HUNGDEL FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE UNTIL "NECESSARY SECURITY GUARANTEES" WERE SECURED AND UNTIL UNANIMITY HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN ICCS.

- 3. GORINCSAK CHARGED THAT BILATERAL INVESTIGATION BY IRANIANS AND INDONESIANS WAS ILLEGAL IN LIGHT OF UNANIMITY REQUIREMENTS WRITTEN INTO PARIS AGREEMENT. BYRD COUNTERED THAT TWO NON-COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAD RIGHT TO CARRY OUT OBSERVATION, AS DISTINCT FROM INVESTIGATION, THAT AUTHORITY NOT HAVING BEEN PROHIBITED IN PARIS AGREEMENT. WHEN ASKED DIRECTLY IF GOH CONSIDERED INVESTIGATION AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION, GORINCSAK SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVELY ANSWERED THAT IT DID, BUT ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER TWO ICCS MANDATES: OBSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF VIOLATIONS
- 4. GORINCSAK FAILED TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO QUESTION WHETHER HUNGDEL WOULD REOCCUPY REGIONAL SITES ABANDONED IN SEPTEMBER. HE AGAIN LINKED ISSUE TO DEPLOYMENT OF TPJMC AND TO "INSECURITY IN ICCS POSITION" CAUSED BY BUDGET CRISIS. BYRD REMINDED HIM THAT GOH'S VIETNAMESE "ALLIES" WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRISIS AND THAT IT APPEARED TO SOME PEOPLE THAT PRG-DRV FAILURE TO PAY ASSESSMENT PROVIDED CONVENIENT EXCUSE FOR NON-DEPLOYMENT OF POLES AND HUNGARIANS. HE SUGGESTED THAT SINCE US PAYING DOUBLE ITS SHARE OF ICCS BUDGET, GOH MIGHT WANT TO FINANCIALLY "ASSIST" ITS VIETNAMESE ALLIES.

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5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONVERSATION REVEALED NO CHANGE IN WELL-KNOWN GOH POSITIONS, IT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT HUNGARIANS WITH USG VIEW AS SEEN FROM SAIGON AND WE BELIEVE IT HELPED EMPHASIZE OUR STRONG CONCERN OVER HUNGDEL OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS IN VN. CONVERSATION BROUGHT OUT INCREASING GOH BITTERNESS TOWARD INDONESIANS - PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF LATTER'S RECENT PUBLIC CRITICISM OF COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS. ON

ALMOST EVERY ISSUE, HOWEVER, HUNGARIANS PULLED OUT TRANSLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS AND QUOTED PASSAGE ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTING THEIR CONTENTIONS. IT IS APPARENT THAT THIS STANCE IS PARTLY RESULT OF INSECURITY OF THEIR POSITION IN THEIR OWN MINDS AND THEIR DESIRE NOT TO LEAVE THEMSELVES EXPOSED TO CHARGES OF VIOLATING AGREEMENT. GOH OFFICIALS ALSO DEMONSTRATED SOME UNEASINESS WHEN COMPARED TO POLES, QUICKLY ASCRIBING DIFFERENCES TO THEIR OWN LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN REGION. PEDERSEN

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